

C O U N C I L C O M M U N I C A T I O N

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

COUNCIL MEETING DATE
JANUARY 17, 1990

SUBJECT: CONSIDER PETITION RECEIVED REGARDING PARKING IN CITY PARKING LOT AT THE
CORNER OF EAST LOCKEFORD STREET AND NORTH WASHINGTON STREET, IN PROXIMITY
TO THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council review this matter and take
action as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the regular City Council meeting of Wednesday,
January 3, 1990, the Council received a petition
asking for the prohibition of parking for extended
periods in the City parking lot at East Lockeford and
North Washington streets. The petition was submitted by a representative of the
American Legion Post. As the Council is aware, this is a conflict of long
standing. Mr. Stan Harkness and the Fifty Plus Club both run "gamblers'
special" busses to South Lake Tahoe and/or Reno. The departure point is the
parking lot across the street from the American Legion building.

On certain days of the month the parking of cars by people riding the busses
conflicts with bingo games held at the American Legion building. The **NorCal**
Tremors girls' softball organization conducts **bingo** games there every Tuesday
night. The American **Legion** itself **conducts** bingo games there every Wednesday
night. As it is understood by staff, the Fifty Plus Club runs its **bus** the first
Wednesday of each month. Thus there is a parking conflict with the bingo
players one Wednesday each month. Mr. Harkness operates his busses one or two
Tuesdays a month. Thus there is a parking conflict with the bingo players one
or two Tuesdays each month. Mr. Harkness also runs a Sunday bus once a month
during 8-9 months of the year, but this usually presents no conflict. For
whatever reasons, this parking lot is apparently viewed as the most desirable
location in the City from where to launch the "gamblers' specials." Staff is
aware of other pick-up points in Lodi by other companies operating "gamblers'
specials" and these locations have presented no conflicts to our knowledge.

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The City parking lot currently has no time restrictions. The issue is that there are two organizations (American Legion and Fifty Plus Club) using a City parking lot to aid in the conduct of their specific programs (bingo and "gamblers' specials") and one entrepreneur (Mr. Harkness) who **uses** a City parking lot to aid in the conduct of his business. Of course, the City provides some free parking in the downtown area that aids businesses there in the conduct of their commercial operations. However, the City realizes sales tax revenue as a result of this relationship. As in the past when the City Council has been confronted with this issue, there is no easy answer. A possible solution to the resolution of these conflicts is to establish a parking time limit at that lot of, for example, six hours. This would effectively prohibit the use of this lot for parking for the bus trips. The downside *of* such an action is that **it** requires enforcement by an already thinly-spread parking enforcement patrol, and **it** is a rather severe solution to a conflict that exists infrequently each month.

Staff will be prepared to discuss this further and answer any questions Councilmembers may have at Wednesday night's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thos. A. Peterson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas A. Peterson
City Manager

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